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Two Disastrous Days for
U.S. Air Force in North VN:

August 21 8 Planes

August 23 10 Planes

Downed. Many Pilots
Captured.

Up to August 23,

2,215

U.S. Planes Brought Down



One of the U.S. planes downed over Hanoi
on August 21, 1967



Hanoi A.A. batteries in action — Aug. 23, 1967: 8 U.S. planes downed

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ALL NEW U. S. ESCALATION IS DOOMED TO FAILURE ALL U. S. CRIMES WILL BE DULY PUNISHED

(STATEMENT OF D.R.V.N. FOREIGN MINISTRY ON
AUG. 21, 22 AND 23 U.S. AIR RAIDS ON HANOI)

FOR three days on end—August 21, 22 and 23, 1967 U.S. aircraft came in many waves and attacked in a very savage manner a number of populous areas and economic establishments in the center and the outskirts of Hanoi city capital of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. They bombed and strafed hospitals, factories and busting streets in the heart of the city, such as that meet the West Lake and Van Dien districts towns and many villages. Dong and Gia Lam and Thanh Tri districts were also subject to U.S. air attacks. More than 100 civilians were killed or wounded and many more were injured in the city and the Hanoi Central Cathedral destroyed.

Thus, within less than two weeks, U.S. aircraft five times attacked Hanoi barbarously, piling up more and more crimes against the Vietnamese people. The U.S. aggressors have violated the principles of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam and the most elementary principles of international law, and given an extremely intolerant challenge to the

socialist countries and all the peace and justice-loving countries in the world.

But how stupid they are! Neither reckless "escalation" steps nor barbarous massacres can move them from their course to defeat in South Viet Nam. Every "escalation" step of theirs will certainly be smashed! Every crime of theirs will undoubtedly be duly punished. The deeper the Vietnamese people have been humiliated by the U.S. aggressors, the firmer their determination to fight to the end for the independence and freedom of their Fatherland and for peace in South-East Asia and the world.

The only way out for the U.S. aggressors is to stop at once their war of aggression against Viet Nam and get out of Viet Nam. Let them withdraw their barbarous raids and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, withdraw all the U.S. and satellite troops from South Viet Nam, and let the Vietnamese people settle themselves in their internal affairs.

Hanoi, August 23, 1967

New Crimes Against North Viet Nam Civilian Population

(Statement of the D.R.V.N. Commission for Investigation of the U.S. Imperialists' War Crimes on the U.S. savage crimes in the new war escalation move in North Viet Nam)



A mass of buildings in Hanoi street destroyed by bombs

In an attempt to retrieve their defeat and get out of their present impasse in South Viet Nam, the U.S. imperialists, on August 21, 1967, made most serious war escalation moves against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. They committed new and extremely savage crimes against the Vietnamese people and particularly the population of the capital city of Hanoi.

On August 21 and 22, 1967, they dropped long range missiles, dropped 1000 kilogram pellet bombs, demolition bombs and fired missiles on set for 40 km. Tan Street, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi proper, on Lam Giang town and many populous villages in Hanoi suburbs.

In defiance of strong condemned by the world and deserved and well-deserved punishments inflicted on the U.S. imperialists, they escalation in the new war of aggression several deliberate attacks from August 21 to 23, 1967, against many areas in Hanoi, especially the central and its suburbs, particularly the populous areas in the central part of the city.

U.S. aircraft fired many missiles on the districts of Hoa Kiem, Ba Dinh and Hai Ba Trung in Hanoi proper, seriously damaging the hospital, killing and wounding 5 medical workers. The Hanoi Central Hospital, during the Yen Canh temple completely destroyed, many civilian houses in Cua Bac, Nguyen Truong To streets, etc.

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At noon August 21, U.S. planes coming in many waves from many directions, began their bombing on Hanoi. Without doubt the pirates who had taken a serious beating ten days before had been waiting for the siesta hour for a surprise attack. But a surprise it was not. From the A-4 positions in the northern sector of the capital city, our batteries thundered and roared, shooting up a dense fire which blocked the way to the intruders and shattered their formation.

Meeting with a head-on blow, the U.S. pirates broke into small groups and raced in an arc.

The Hanoi armed forces and people had defeated the enemy with guns and bullets alone. If you called at Factory X in the thick of the battle, you would see Pham Van Chieu, a team

U.S. AGGRESSORS AGAIN DULY PUNISHED OVER HANOI

Having guessed the enemy's intentions, a missile unit fired a shot that burst into a massive mushroom cloud in the sky. A Phantom exploded and went down, a parachute exploding in the pirates' grip, capturing them. Their first attack having been broken, the U.S. pirates launched a second one. This time, however, they were met with a fierce resistance. Several groups of planes would nose dive at the same time on the same target, dropping their heavy armaments while others fired rockets or dropped bombs. At other times a plane would swoop down while another would make an oblique bombing run and yet another would drop low. In short, all kinds of tricks were brought into play by the U.S. pirates. But now, after another four enemy planes crashed in flames, one burst into a flaming torch and another plane exploded on the ground. Another was ripped into two halves when it exploded into smoke and debris.

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THE VIET NAM WAR: U.S. NEO-COLONIALISM AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT

On July 26, 1967, Cabot Lodge, who was to become U.S. ambassador to Saigon, unambiguously stated before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee that "the Americans would come to Viet Nam even if the South Vietnamese administration did not ask them to do so." (1)

Later, after the United States had committed direct aggression against Viet Nam, President Lyndon Johnson, speaking to U Thant, confirmed this view: "We shall act without necessarily to ensure our defence." (2)

In essence, those declarations clearly show that, with the dispatch of expeditionary troops to South Viet Nam, the U.S. imperialists are successfully grappling with an unending crisis. Internal counterrevolutionary forces former keep on exacerbating. And fatal have proved American efforts to raise the morale among other means, providing with a certain amount of control over the economy and enhancing its role in the development program. Barbarous massacres, "burn all," "kill all," "burn all" operations, are carried out simultaneously with measures designed to hit the people's strategic and economic political and educational plan are put into operation along with coercive methods.

In the irresistible trend of history, after the setbacks of the Americans in the military and political fields, the U.S. imperialists' forces will certainly be swept away from South Viet Nam under one condition: the withdrawal of the puppet army and government. With the strengthening and maintaining of the puppet regime in Saigon and of other resistance centers, together with the maintenance of the force of what is called "legitimacy" the Saigon administration will probably be one of the schemes of neo-colonialism which is to maintain the power of the imperialists under another form.

One can clearly see that in the stepping up of the U.S. war of aggression, the puppet army is the main pillar of the puppet administration a strategic force of the Pentagon and the White House.

But and in view of the aim pursued by the U.S. war of aggression does not differ from the previous colonial war in Viet Nam. However, as external manifestations, American neo-colonialism wraps itself in the form of a double face. Some workers were projected in the air. Others were thrown to the ground. They urged their troops to the peak strength and to commit more mass to this pacification program.

Forced to give up their life in the name of Saigon's victory and to put on them the mantle of "independence" and "sovereignty," the White House continued to insist on this question raised daily by the American people: to whom does the country belong? Who has been committed to South Viet Nam? Who or Nguyen Khanh or now by Nguyen Van Thieu invariably ruled on the U.S. authority.

The Saigon regime has been carrying out this part of the world.

All the above schemes only form a thin smokescreen that is being dispelled by American bombs and ruthlessly indiscriminately and ruthlessly massacring the people, the U.S. imperialists are resorting to the use of a puppet administrative machinery. They want to "create democracy" with the blood of the Vietnamese people. Such is their thickness that remains from the *Wall Street Journal* on July 14: "The policies of the U.S. government had popular support. It would be the desire of the people of this country would like the money and pay the taxes to support the war. The young people of Saigon fighting against the enemy. The peasants in the countryside would not help the Viet Cong... But they do not know none of these things. You, the Americans are paying for this war and this regime. America's troops are fighting because the Vietnamese soldiers will not fight. You are fighting for a society that opposes present power."

Not only did the Americans fall in their policy of utilizing the Saigon regime in the past; their present policy of setting up a viably administration in South Viet Nam will be little use as their policy of aggression is going bankrupt.

They and established an administration run by the people themselves. With this cities and other occupied areas in South Viet Nam are converted into bases of the U.S. aggressors, have been implementing the pacification program by "burning all, destroying all, killing all," by pinning up people in disguised concentric

his own native land. Both Thieu and Ky and their accomplices massacred countless patriots and, together with the U.S. aggressors, have been implementing the pacification program by "burning all, destroying all, killing all," by pinning up people in disguised concentric

SAIGON PUPPET ADMINISTRATION: A TORN SCREEN FOR THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION

ture camp named "new life hamlets" and "resettlement centers." By force of arms they have imposed upon the people, persecuted and undermined the Buddhist movement, typical of all being the massacre of the pagoda Da Nang in Summer 1966. They privately suppressed all democratic freedom, round up intellectuals, arrest and letters of journalists, trades men, industrialists and other socialists, and put them in concentration camps. They have tied the South Viet Nam economy to the American dollar and the concentration camp, the military force and devasted the South Viet Nam currency, thereby bringing great material hardships to the people, especially the labouring people.

And opposed to the people is the nature of the Thieu-Ky junta. An inefficient puppet administration, this junta is trying to prove to Washington tries its best to catch up with the election to the Senate.

Anti-American, particularly in the cities, said *Reuters* January 11, keeps increasing and becomes a model type in U.S. cities. They discuss the influence of what an observer terms "neocolonialism." As nothing else than the inevitable follow-up to the intensification of U.S. aggression.

This failure of great political significance sustained by the American aggressors has been exposed by the words of a foreign journalist's words published in the *Miami Herald* (quoted by AP) on July 14: "If the policies of the U.S. government had popular support, it would be the desire of the people of this country would like the money and pay the taxes to support the war. The young people of Saigon fighting against the enemy. The peasants in the countryside would not help the Viet Cong... But they do not know none of these things. You, the Americans are paying for this war and this regime. America's troops are fighting because the Vietnamese soldiers will not fight. You are fighting for a society that opposes present power."

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Diep (1) quoted by E.N. Diep, *Le Vietnam en guerre du Viet Nam*, Editions politiques, Brussels.

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**22 YEARS OF SOVEREIGNTY
OF AN INDEPENDENT AND FREE COUNTRY**

ONE more year is added to the protracted and hard fighting to defend and build up the country. The D.R.V.N. is 22 years old and from Ca Mau Cape to the Viet Nam - China border gun reports of the fight against the U.S. aggressors, for national salvation resound victoriously.

The South Viet Nam People and Liberation Forces have defeated the local war conducted by the U.S. imperialists and their satellite troops with the help of the puppet army. The enemy is in a state of unprecedentedly bitter failure. In North Viet Nam, the U.S. air war destruction is an unceasing reminder that the republican regime is steadily progressing along the socialist path. The people all over our country are standing shoulder to shoulder to carry through the solemn oath of the revolution. In Ho Chi Minh's letter to President Nguyen Huu Tho and the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for

beration: "Resolutely to liberate the South, defend the North, and eventually achieve reunification of the country."

This determination is the development in the past 23 years of the fundamental tenet contained in the Declaration of Independence of September 3, 1945.

"The entire Vietnamese people are determined to mobilize all their physical and moral resources in order to defend our lives and property in order to safeguard their independence and territorial integrity of our country."

At present, in face of the most brutal aggression in this century committed by the U.S., in face of the mightiest aggressive expeditionary army of imperialism, in face of a

BER 2, 1967 sume the task of an outpost in South-East Asia nor to bear the brunt of the war.

Today, socialism, the loftiest ideal of mankind, has been realized in North Vietnam. All present generations have pledged to defend all efforts to defend to the end the democratic republican regime. The South Vietnamese

the overwhelming majority of our people living south of the 17th parallel. And from then they have worked gradually to unify the country, an enormous task of a people which has in common a terrible history and has been artificially split under the French domination. Part of the French of the South Vietnamese people have been controlled in the vast areas now controlled by the NLF, where a people's self-managing administration has been set up. The people are determined to oppose the U.S. military aggression and laying the foundations of a happy life in future. For this reason the U.S. aggressor has failed over the years to inflict attacks to nibble at the liberated areas. The latter have instead been expanded.

"Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom", this famous statement made by President Ho Chi Minh on July 17, 1956 constitutes not only the leitmotif of every Vietnamese people but also their confidence in victory.

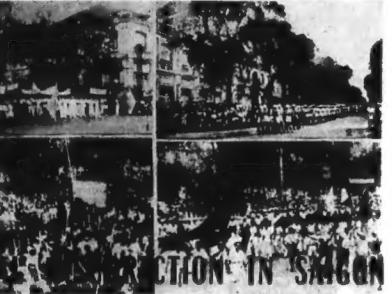
September 2 this year came at a time when the struggle over our country has reached unprecedented violence. But in face of the new attempt of war escalation made by the U.S. imperialists, especially the barbarous air raids on Hanoi in August, the Vietnamese people feel it all the more necessary to hold higher the banner of independence and freedom, the banner of national liberation and for their obligation toward other nations and to rush forward more resolutely to defeat completely the U.S. aggressive war.

Dinh Square, Sept. 2, 1945: President Ho Chi Minh proclaims the independence of Viet Nam

EVER WHERE people talked about the Viet Minh. Its slogan was heard in all parts of the city. Meetings, trade-union conferences and lectures which took place frequently at Nguyen Van Hao theatre drew in many working and other people of Saigon. The house was always packed; everyone the speaker put forward the slogan "Down with the puppet administration. Power to the people!" Those who could not secure a seat in the theatre stood listening

demonstrators-to-be free of charge. People walked in step along boulevards to the count of "One, Two" or to the rhythm of fiery marching songs.

Seigun, Sept. 2,
1945 : Demonstra-
tions welcoming
the proclamation
of independence



THE 1945 AUGUST GENERAL PROTESTION IN SAIGON

"outside. The whole of Gallieni street gave its warm response and shouts of slogans echoed

On the night of August 24 and early on August 25, 1945, huge gold - star red flags, together with messages calling for participation in the Aug. 25 demonstration, fluttered over Nguyen Van Hao Theatre and many other areas, causing a stir in the city.

It seemed that an invisible bond had linked up houses and people with one another in whole hamlets, whole city districts and whole boulevards and there was an unusual mood which spread from the suburban areas to the centre of the city, the Ben Thanh market, the My railway station and the Ong Lang Bridge area. Virtually nobody slept that night.

Brigades in a militant mood mounted a close guard on the streets. The French and Japanese and their placemen wore a downcast look. They no longer moved arrogantly in the open streets, but marched dispiritedly along the pavements, knowing that from then on this land had returned to its real masters — the Vietnamese people.

FOUR years after its founding, the "League for the Independence of Viet Nam" or Viet Minh, steadily established all over the country, was ready to seize power.

In August 1945, on the eve of the capitulation of the Japanese imperialists who, five months earlier, had toppled the French colonial authorities, it launched the order for general insurrection. From August 12, entire provinces came under the revolutionary power.

On August 19, it was the turn of Hanoi, the capital, on August 23, that of Hue, where the last of the emperors abdicated.

The Democratic Republic of Vietnam, independent and sovereign, was proclaimed on September 2 over the whole of Vietnam, from the frontier with China to the tip of Ca Mau. On the occasion of this anniversary, we publish a story by an eyewitness of those unforgettable events in Saigon where, in an irresistible upsurge, men and women of this big city gave themselves to the cause of freedom and independence, uniting in a heroic struggle with the forces of arms, wresting power from the hands of the fascists and their puppets.

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own city, alongside their own compatriots and revolutionary cadres. They called one another "comrade," in a truthful manner, as if they had known one another ever so long.

men, and peasants. Some wore uniforms, others a great variety of clothes—European style suits, shorts, black pajamas, long tunics and turbans...

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the Fatherland" until this
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Human waves converged
the Norodom Palace with

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WORLD PEOPLE'S INDIGNATION AGAINST NEW U.S. BOMBINGS OF HANOI

THE U.S. air raids on Hanoi on August 11 have aroused great indignation all over the world. The radio stations of democratic governments, state leaders as well as the people of many countries have energetically condemned this new war escalation.

From Cairo, seething with the anger against the U.S. and Israel, the Permanent Bureau of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee has issued a statement condemning the barbarous air bombing by the U.S. of populated parts of Hanoi on August 11 and in particular calling them a dangerous escalation in the U.S. war escalation in Viet Nam and calling upon the peoples of Asia, Africa and all peace-loving people in the world to check in their U.S. war escalation.

In Phnom Penh, the Royal Government of Cambodia voiced its indignation against the U.S. and Israel's war escalation. "With the ever-increasing terror sown by American aircraft in the D.R.V.N., the U.S. must be condemned as a criminal country."

The Central Committee of

the Neo Lao Hakao, the Political Bureau of the British Communist Party, the Political Bureau of the Danish Communist Party, the Central Committee of the New Zealand Communist Party, the Women's International Federation, the Arab Federation of Trade Unions, the French Workers' Union, vehemently condemned the U.S. war escalation in Viet Nam and called upon the U.S. people, it will meet its doom quickly."

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In Manila, on August 14, Dr. R. V. Venkateswaran, Fischer stressed, "The American aggressors must answer for their crimes in the world's most populous country. G.D.P. of India supports the just struggle of the Vietnamese people."

On August 15, the Foreign Ministry of the P.R. of Korea declared, "The Korean people regard the aggression

against Viet Nam as against themselves. They will with the Vietnamese people in their fight against the U.S. imperialists and their common enemy. Should U.S. imperialism continue to encroach on the people's right to self-determination, its war in Viet Nam will face strong protest and repeated warnings of the Vietnamese people. The cause of Viet Nam will triumph."

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In Peking, Vice Premier and Minister of the People's Republic of China, regarded the recent U.S. air bombing of Hanoi as a wanton massacre. Once again, he confirmed the unshakable stand of China, supporting the Vietnamese people's struggle against the U.S. until complete victory.

The Cuban *Granma* of Aug. 13, the Polish *Trybuna Ludu* of Aug. 13, the Hungarian *Nepszabadsag* of Aug. 15, and the Albanian *Jeri i Popullit* of Aug. 17 commented that the U.S. air bombing would not yield any result to the Yankees but

that the U.S. is more and more in an impasse and is more barbarous."

The press in the U.S. and Germany also reflected the failure of the Johnson administration in this respect. The *New York Times* of August 14 wrote that the U.S. could not achieve success through out-right bombing or blocking.

Patheo Lao Radio and the Cambodian press strongly protested against the U.S. imperialists' attempt to expand its war in Viet Nam and supported the August 1 statement of Dr. Tran Dung Foreign Ministry. Patheo Lao Radio said, "The new barbarous crimes committed by the U.S. against the Vietnamese people are an insolent challenge to the socialist countries and peace-loving peoples in the world." The Cambodian paper *Mekong* pointed out that the U.S. will not vouch for any success to the U.S. which will still be unable to baffle the Vietnamese people's struggle against the U.S. until complete victory.

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Reverse Side of Saigon...

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Bitter comments appeared in the American press. Cooke elections have become a rampant disease" (*Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News*), "Our people have been made to believe in empty promises" (*Chicago Daily News*, July 7). "Take a close look at the reverse side of Saigon. You find in them a band of professional terrorists" (*Time* July 8). "All of them are notorious malcontents, like Dan Aykroyd, Bao Dai, and Bao Dai had to say: "General Westy had to get away from the atmosphere by leaving for a rest in Honolulu."

How can Mr. Tran Van Huong, the political status manager remain impulsive before such an alarming situation?

One of the most conspicuous aspects of the "blush"

ment of an independent Viet Nam headed by President Ho Chi Minh. The North has since held two general elections in which the majority of the people to choose their representatives was fully respected.

SOUTH VIET NAM GUERRILLAS

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"How could you manage to kill five Yanks alone?"

"They got into the trench," she said. "The man in the lead was five feet tall. I was afraid to tell I was afraid and pulled the trigger. He fell."

"And how could you kill the others?"

"As they appeared one by one in the narrow trench, I fired at them. I was scared at first but then I got used to it."

The group leader could not control himself and burst into laughter. "If all of us are scared of the Yanks we can't be able to stay in our country."

A SHY GUERRILLA GIRL

LAN was a very shy girl. Her heart even sank when injections were given to others and she did not dare to look

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The working class, which formerly had only labor power, has now entered the helm of the State. Workers and employees become the collective masters of industry, agriculture, science and culture. They attend complementary education and vocational schools and colleges in the socialist countries, and become engineers, doctors, teachers, scientists, etc. They often run across peasants who read scientific books and periodicals, discuss the latest news, exchange ideas, cross-breeding, or comment a novel or a poem. Each village now has an library.

There are in the country more than 40,000 doctors, nurses and midwives.

According to the women

cries: kindergartens, infant classes, organized by the cooperative, are open to them for them to participate actively in production work.

Under the people's regime,

the peasant lives a completely new life. He feels himself a citizen of a State which defends his interests.

WORK, RICE AND SHELTER FOR ALL

The labouring masses in the cities also benefit from much attention. Unemployment, the legacy of the former regime, has been liquidated in the main; one and a half million people became employed in the private, formerly engaged in street peddling, and the like.

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After the battle Lan received so many congratulations that she blessed.

New Crimes Against North Viet Nam...

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houses in the most populous area of Hai Ba Trang in Hanoi proper, namely Hue and Mai Haoc De streets, and cultural establishments.

Together with their intensive attacks against Hanoi, the U.S. imperialists have conducted continuous and barbarous attacks against Lang Son and provinces, which are located on the 7th parallel and dyke systems in North Viet Nam.

According to available figures, since the new escalation of the war on August 11, 1967, U.S. bombing has killed 76 persons and wounded 118 others, including many women and children, and destroyed many dwelling houses, economic, medical

and cultural establishments to children and 29 women, completely destroying the Lang Son church for Lang Son and Cao Bang province. Ky Cung, Thank and Tien pagodas and many dwelling houses.

The U.S. imperialists systematically conduct intensive attacks against dyke systems and water conservancy works. More wicked still, their attacks have been carried out at night when the water level was rising in the hope of causing floods and famine, directly threatening the life of millions of people.

Since August 15, 1967, hardly a day passes without a U.S. fierce bombing attack against the dyke systems and hydraulic works in Vinh Phuc province, including time-bombs in order to damage the dykes which came to repair the damaged dyke. In their August 15 attack against the dyke of Fra Ly in the Vinh Phuc province, they dropped heavy demolition bombs, damaging a long dyke section.

In the Demilitarized Zone and Vinh Linh area, they also continued their war escalation by sending B-52

for indiscriminate bombings of villages inside and outside of Quang Ninh, Nghe An, Ninh Binh, Thai Binh, Ha Tuy and Quang Ninh.

On August 13, 15 and 18, the U.S. imperialists once again carried out carpet bombings against many villages inside and outside the Demilitarized Zone, in the Ho Xa township (Vinh Linh area) which, after repeated attacks since early 1965, is almost raised to the ground.

TO THE READER

We are aware that there is much room for improvement in the writing of our paper. We apologize for any shortcomings and highly appreciate all your suggestions as they will help us to serve you more efficiently in future.

STABILITY OF THE D.R.V.N. PEOPLE'S STATE

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had reached the standard of living of higher-middle class. When harvests are bad, the State supplies help to the peasants in the form of food, seeds, fertilizer, etc. Twenty years ago, only rich peasants' children went to school. Now there is in each hamlet a semi-primary school and a semi-secondary (primary) school and a secondary (junior secondary) school for every two or three hamlets. Almost all the children go to school. Grown-ups attend complementary education courses. Those who finished their secondary education are sent to vocational schools or higher education establishments and schools and colleges in the socialist countries, and become engineers, doctors, teachers, scientists, etc. They often run across peasants who read scientific books and periodicals, discuss the latest news, exchange ideas, cross-breeding, or comment a novel or a poem. Each village now has an library.

The working class, which formerly had only labor power, has now entered the helm of the State. Workers and employees become the collective masters of industry, agriculture, science and culture. They attend complementary education and vocational schools and colleges in the socialist countries, and become engineers, doctors, nurses and midwives.

There are in the country more than 40,000 doctors, nurses and midwives.

According to the women

cries: kindergartens, infant classes, organized by the cooperative, are open to them for them to participate actively in production work.

Under the people's regime, the peasant lives a completely new life. He feels himself a citizen of a State which defends his interests.

peoples, protecting them against speculations and amounting to 200 billion dollars. The State has made great efforts to improve still further the living conditions of the poorer strata: for help to needy families, for the improvement of the people's living conditions, for the promotion of the people's living conditions and the building of socialism.

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In the 6th attack on this base, the L.A.F. destroyed 46 planes of various types, 2 radar stations, 1 missile launching pad, killed or wounded 200 G.I.'s and 8 U.S. marines.

If the 5 previous attacks on this base are included, the L.A.F. altogether destroyed 170 aircraft of various types and put out of action over 1,000 G.I.'s.

LAI KHE BASE

BEFORE dawn on August 5, 1967, the L.A.F. pounded the 1st Infantry Division base at Lai Khe, destroying 18 helicopters, 3 L-19 planes and 4 armoured troop carriers, and wiped out many G.I.'s and 8 U.S. marines.

The total losses caused by the L.A.F. in the 5 assaults on this base amounted to 47 planes destroyed and 216 Yanks knocked out.

SOC TRANG MILITARY AIRFIELD

ON the night of July 31, the Soc Trang military airfield was stormed for the 14th time: 6

enemy planes were destroyed, several others damaged, many enemy troops killed or wounded.

The enemy losses in the 14 attacks on this airfield were 260 aircraft and 60 military vehicles destroyed or damaged, 500 troops including 250 G.I.'s wiped out.

CA MAU AIRFIELD

ON the night of Aug. 9, the L.A.F. infiltrated into the heart of the provincial capital, attacked Lai Cat Hill, destroyed or damaged 4 reconnaissance planes despite enemy stringent security precautions.

TAY NINH TOWN

ON the night of August 13 the L.A.F. slammed mortar shells into Tay Ninh town, destroying many houses, killing 100, setting fire to a petrol dump, stormed the airfield and its watchtowers, causing heavy losses to the enemy.

They simultaneously completely burned down the "rallying" training center defended by 100 "rallying" cadres and 1 platoon of "civil guards."

Preliminary reports said that in the attack the L.A.F. could do more to state their war aims than in previous or less veiled terms that they too the U.S. official line. They asked for continuation of the war reorganization of the people and the American troops to fight the South Vietnamese people. Concerning the role of the South Vietnamese, they said sole representative of the South Vietnamese people in the fight against U.S. aggression, national salvation, etc., our report.

Washington's demands that "it does not constitute an unsolvable problem" in all negotiations. Fed by the U.S. they had to do the same way as their bosses. For this reason, the South Vietnamese people did not care about what they were elected.

But one thing that made the White House bosses know was that all the election speeches gave a gloomy picture of the present situation of the country (South Viet Nam). One of the joint tickets went so far as to say that "the critical situation is none-too-good" and security is lacking, production is dropping... An inept policy which combines the lack of industrial development with poverty has led to the devaluation of the piastre and the frightful spiraling of the cost of living as never before. The sky-rocketing prices in face of the low purchasing power of the people has plunged the population in the depths of misery... Corruption and unrest, despotism and incapable administration... bribery and corruption, that is the picture of our South Viet Nam." Nevertheless with regard to

the most pressing and fundamental questions such as the aggressive war of the U.S., the right of self-determination of the people, the independence of the country, the right of the South Vietnamese people to fight the U.S. aggression, national salvation, etc., our report.

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damaged 1 aircraft and armored troop carrier.

army knocked out of action almost completely 1 puppet battalion and 100 G.I.'s, destroyed or damaged 10 armoured vehicles and shot down 2 planes.

OTHER L.A.F. VICTORIES

QUANG NAM

1 Puppet Battalion and 300 Yanks Wiped Out

ON August 1, 1967, an enemy raid on Day Xuyen district, Quang Nam province, was fiercely repelled by the L.A.F.

According to G.P.X. first reports in the three days of fighting from Aug. 1 to 3 the guerrillas and local

BA RIA

1 Australian Mercenary Company Knocked Out, Another Badly Mauled

ON August 9 two companies of Australian mercenaries were interdicted while landing from helicopter in an area 12km north of Ba Ria, the provincial capital. The L.A.F. beat off all the enemy columns, entirely wiped out 1 company and badly mauled the other.

Reverse Side of Saigon Forthcoming "Elections"

FACED with the hard realization that Johnson had to leave that there was some "bleeding" in the election in Saigon, he, however, continued public opinion in the U.S. to pay attention to "some of the similarities between the fight for democracy and freedom in Viet Nam and the tough, caustic struggle to build a new nation on this (U.S.) continent two centuries ago (UPI, August 17).

We shall not discuss Mr. Johnson's argument but tell the dirt truth which he has recognized.

In the period prior to Aug. 23rd the election campaign in Saigon was a process of naked robbery and massacre. The military junta eliminated any candidate who did not fall in with them, ordered mass arrests and imprisonments, carried out a broad intellectual, writers, artists, businessmen and working people who opposed them, assassinated their opponents, closed down the press and dared to criticize the Thieu-Ky ruling clique, that forced to stage a military putsch to seize power and other elected than Thieu and Ky themselves and even ordered their army to rise up in arms, bringing pressure to bear on their opponents if necessary. Since Aug. 23rd, the election campaign has seen even more brazen acts

SOUTH VIET NAM GUERRILLAS

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scoot in an attack on an enemy post.

He guided our fighters into position and followed them in their storming of the post. Taken unaware, the G.I.'s fled helter-skelter. A number of them were cut down. Hoang saw five of them buried in a pit trying to resist; he hand grenade in their direction: all the five exploded. The man wounded in an arm was kept close to our fighters and kept a keen eye on the enemy.

By his achievements he qualified the title of "Valiant Anti-U.S. Fighter."

"AFRAID" OF THE YANKEES

WHEN a little girl, Sa, was only 10, mind her little brother and sister and extract latex from rubber trees. Grown up in the flames of the battle, she joined the guerrilla unit but only did the cooking, washing vegetables or raised pigs and poultry. She had a rifle higher than her but had no fire in her with it except in training. She longed for an occasion to make use of it against enemy troops.

One day, the Yankees had given proof of their savagery by refusing to fight the enemy, he was trusted by the guerrillas with the task of collecting information about the activities of the G.I.'s. After conducting a raid of destruction and pillage in his village, his mission was a complete success. He was then sent as a

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